

Remarks

The following remarks are responsive to the outstanding office action of record.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-11 and 13-25 are pending. Claims 1-8 and 24 are allowed, claims 10-11, 15-16, 21-23 and 25 are objected to, while claims 9, 13, 14 and 17-20 stand rejected as anticipated by the Nukada et al. reference (JP 2000-143786).

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 9 and 20 are being amended herein.

Claims 1, 9 and 20 are being amended to delete “, preferably” to conform the claims to recognized usage.

The amendments to claims 9 and 20 are otherwise identical, and apply to the formula (III) compound by specifying that R¹ is different at each occurrence. The amendment pertaining to claims 9 and 20 are derived from original claim 10, which is now canceled.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

All Remaining Claims in the Application are Allowed or Presumptively Allowable

As noted above, claims 1-8 and 24 have been allowed. Claims 10-11, 15-16, 21-23, and 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant thanks the examiner for this indication of allowed and allowable subject matter.

Claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 9, rendering claim 9 allowable. Claims 12-19 now depend from amended claim 9, and are deemed allowable as dependent upon an allowable base claim. Claim 20 is amended to incorporate the same elements of claim 1 with respect to Formula (I) and currently amended claim 9 with respect to Formula (III), so claim 20 is deemed allowable also.

Claim 21 has multiple dependence on claim 1 (allowed) and currently amended claim 9 (deemed allowable) so claim 21 should also be allowable. Claims 22, 23 and 25 depend directly from claim 21, a presumptively allowable base claim, and should therefore also be deemed allowable.

Following entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-25 remain pending in the application. Applicant believes that these claims are either allowed or presumptively allowable based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks.

Conclusion

Should there be any questions about the content of this paper or the status of the application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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